SCUBASPA ZEN

Christmas Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Fam and Misool

Christmas comes with tropical sand and clear water in Raja Ampat, in the heart of the Coral Triangle where the reefs are the most diverse on earth.

Pinnacles rise from the depths full of movement and colour, with a good chance of oceanic mantas, and a submerged ridge has mantas circling cleaning stations while schools gather in the current.

Towering pinnacles swarming with life, a natural window carved in the reef and a coral garden of clouds of anthias make some of the most photogenic diving in Indonesia.

Back on board, gingerbread houses and film marathons under the stars add traditional cheer.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive in Sorong

Guests are greeted in Sorong and taken to the harbour, about 15 minutes away, to board.
After settling in the yacht sails to the first destination.
In the evening the spa team helps with treatment bookings, the Cruise Managers introduce the crew and give the boat briefing, and a welcome dinner is served on the top deck at sunset over central Raja Ampat.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

3 dives and a night dive

The first full day of diving, in the Dampier Strait, brings three dives on hard coral gardens teeming with aquarium like life, graceful turtles, wobbegong sharks and the chance of passing pelagics.
In the evening a night dive on the critter filled sandy slopes near Tapokren village.
Early risers can hike to see the endemic red bird of paradise.

DAY 3

Manta cleaning stations

Up to 4 dives

A day devoted to megafauna, with dives at manta cleaning stations where the mantas clean and feed above sandy bottomed coral patches.
Sightings cannot be guaranteed, but the chances are high.
Other highlights include Mayhem, named for the constant chaos of fish swirling through it.

DAY 4

Fam Islands and sail south

Up to 4 dives

Halfway through the cruise the yacht stays on the western edge of central Raja Ampat to explore the Fam islands above and below the surface, with the famous Piaynemo viewpoint over its karst limestone cliffs and Melissa's Garden, arguably the most beautiful and pristine coral garden in Raja Ampat.
In the afternoon and evening a sunset sail heads south to Misool, with some of the most vibrant soft corals in the world.

DAY 5

Daram Islands

Up to 4 dives

The yacht arrives early at the eastern edge of Misool, in the remote and rarely visited Daram Islands, where you may have the whole area to yourselves.
Dramatic underwater landscapes bring frequent mantas and dense schools of shimmering fish, and silversides can be so thick that your buddy disappears in the silver swirl.
The day ends on a pristine sandy beach with a sunset bar, water sports and a beach dinner.

DAY 6

Central Misool

Up to 4 dives

The central Misool area is full of world famous sites, and the yacht explores as many as possible. Highlights include Nudi Rock, with soft coral walls and a name taken from the shape of the island above water, Boo Window, with a good chance of pelagics and a shallow swim through full of fish, and Magic Mountain, perhaps the most famous of all, for its regular mantas and big groups of barracuda, groupers, trevallies and sharks.

DAY 7

Last day of diving

2 dives

Two morning dives in the Misool area give a last chance to meet bigger fish and enjoy the colours of the reef before lunch.
The afternoon holds activities for everyone while the yacht returns to Sorong harbour.

DAY 8

Departure

After a final breakfast and farewells to the crew, guests are escorted to the Sorong airport and helped with check in.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Suite accommodation with three meals a day
- Welcome drink, drinking water, coffee and tea
- Airport transfers at the start and end of the cruise
- Yoga classes every morning
- Snorkelling, with equipment included
- A barbecue on a deserted island and the excursions in the programme
- The diving or spa treatments of the package you choose
- Wi-Fi, with a 1 GB allowance per person

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Service and administration charge and the national park and port fees, shown on our trip listings
- Dive and travel insurance
- Dive equipment rental
- Drinks from the bar and extra spa treatments
- Crew tips, which are customary





